

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 24, 2012

301 W. Jefferson Street, 10th Floor

Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Board of Supervisors Conference Room

Don Cassano called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Debra Baldauff
District 2
Bryant Boyack, M.D.
Don Cassano
Andrew Ingram
Zuhdi Jasser, M.D.
Francisca Montoya
Kip Steill
Brian Spicker
Colleen Wheeler (via phone)

Members Excused:

Maricopa County Supervisor Stapley,

Shannon Smith

Ex-Officio: Bob England, M.D.

Guests:

Dr. Erin Carr-Jordan, Kids Play Safe,
Kaplan University

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER:

Don Cassano introduces and welcomes Debra Baldauff to the board. Debra works as a nurse in the emergency department at Phoenix Children's Hospital. She is also a MPH and is a PHD candidate.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the July 23, 2012 BOH Minutes

- Andrew Ingram motioned to approve the minutes.
- Kip Steill seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously.

Don Cassano announced a change in the order of the agenda, in order to address the Environmental Health Code first.

3. Proposed Maricopa County Environmental Health Code (MCEHC) Chapter XIV, Indoor Play Area

Mr. John Kolman provided everyone with a blue folder that contained minutes from the Indoor Playground Public Meeting from June 7, 2012, minutes from the Environmental Services Department conducts Indoor Play Area Regulations, minutes from the Indoor Playground Follow-up Public Meeting, and proposed health code changes. If anyone needs copies of these documents please contact Carrie Allen and she will provide them for you.

- Play areas will be inspected during the regular health inspections
- Hand sanitizer gel and wipes will be provided in play areas
- Signs will be posted stating that food is not allowed in the play area
- Play area will be cleaned at least once a day, but also as needed for soiling

- Guest speaker, Dr. Erin Carr-Jordan, approached the table to thank everyone for their hard work.
- Kip Steill motioned to approve
- Francisca Montoya seconded the motion
- The motion passed unanimously

Don Cassano would like to back up twice, because he skipped the Call to the Public.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Don Cassano asked if there was anyone that wanted to address the board today. No one responded.

Back to discussion/actions items

2. Fee Waiver Applications

(see attached document-Sept 2012 BOH Fee Waiver Summary)

- Ms. Jeannie Taylor presented 10 fee waiver applications to the Board of Health.
- Kip Steill has motioned that item number 9 – Glendale Union High School District be tabled pending for more information.
 - What information do we as a board need to prove financial hardship?
 - Mr. John Kolman spoke on the changes for issuing a food handlers card, and why there is a charge for these cards.
 - We may ask a representative from Glendale to attend the next meeting
 - All of the schools within Maricopa County could come to the board asking for a waiver for any class that requires a food handlers card.
- Francisca Montoya seconded the motion to table item number 9
- Brain Spicker motioned to approve items 1 through 8 and item 10
- Francisca Montoya seconded the motion
- Items 1 through 8 and item 10 have passed unanimously

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Public Health Report

Dr. Bob presented on a few different topics.

- Reorganizing of our policies to form cross problematic work groups that will allow one group to cover multiple topics, instead of many groups approaching one provider.
 - Allows outreach projects to be more effective
 - 3 days of meetings started today to focus on a mission, and what the focus of these groups will be
 - The goal with these groups is to look at the bigger picture, not the smaller picture that grants normally deal with.
 - Want the community to see Public Health as one entity not a whole bunch of little programs
- ACCESS Funding cuts
 - Removing the eligibility from childless adults has hit our healthcare for the homeless program pretty hard.
 - This program is losing roughly a half million dollars
 - Still analyzing what needs to be reevaluated, trying to keep medical care but some of the support services may need to go.
 - Also looking at a possible RIF of 5 positions, but trying to avoid it.
 - Public Health is active in the Don't Get Dropped program.
- Oct. 4th is when the changes take place for how immunizations are paid for.
 - There has been one source of funding to pay for children's immunizations; however, more children that have insurance are coming to the county for their immunizations.

- We are now billing private insurance who is not required to reimburse us for the costs, whereas, ACCESS was reimbursing us, so now that cost that private insurance does not cover is coming out of our pool of money.
- To date there are only two insurance companies that will pay, Blue Cross and United.
- At some point down the road we will be running out of money and will need to come back to the Board of Health about this.
- Budget
 - One aspect to fund a Public Health Department is through a Public Health District.
 - 6 counties have a district now.
 - Looking at forming a committee that could work on this and see how this could work Public Health. Kip Steill, Brian Spicker and Francisca Montoya have volunteered for the Committee.
- West Nile – It is a typical year for us so far

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CURRENT EVENTS

- Finance committee has 5 positions but only 4 members,
 - Don Cassano states that he is looking for an outstanding individual that is looking to sacrifice 30 minutes of their time before each board meeting to server on the finance committee.
 - Colleen Wheeler volunteered to be on the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

- Brian Spicker motioned to adjourn
- Fancisca Montoya seconded the motion
- Adjourned at 4:10